

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD 11/27/2018  
Mayor Ryan Smathers

6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members: Jennifer Dunaway, Mark Swayne, Don Gardner, Shannon Schrader, Josh Tilley and Sean Simmons

Staff: Administrator-Rick E. Laam, Clerk-Janet R. Montambo, Treasurer-Donna Wilson, Building Official-Todd Perry, Water/Wastewater Supervisor-Michael Martin, Interim Fire Chief-Holly Hardin

Absent: Public Works Supervisor-Shane Miller and Police Chief-Jeff Wilson

Guests: Ken Harvey

Media: Elizabeth Morgan and Nancy Butler

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Councilmember Swayne made a MOTION to amend the agenda and add the Additional Bills as presented and the payroll ending November 24, 2018 and the Treasurer's Quarterly Financial Report ending September 30, 2018. Councilmember Schrader seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

MINUTES

Councilmember Schrader made a MOTION to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written held on November 13, 2018. Councilmember Simmons seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Councilmember Simmons made a MOTION to approve the regular bills and the additional bills as presented and the Payroll ending November 24, 2018. Councilmember Dunaway seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

## PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, APPEAL AND COMMUNICATIONS

AIC Legislative Summit Agenda/Legislative Topics (FYI) - A copy of an AIC Legislative Agenda was submitted to the Council for information only. The Summit is scheduled for Friday, November 30, 2018 at the Boise Centre Room in Boise, Idaho. Administrator Laam will apprise Mayor and Council if there are any Legislative issues that will affect the city in the future.

Suddenlink Upcoming pricing and programming changes (FYI) - The City of Orofino received a letter from Brad Ayers, Senior Director, Government Affairs with Suddenlink for information only regarding upcoming pricing and programming changes affecting customer in this region.

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrator - No report.

Treasurer - Treasurer Wilson submitted the Clearwater County Tax Recap and the Treasurer's Quarterly Financial Report ending September 30, 2018 to the Council for review.

Building Official - Building Official Perry submitted the October 2018 Building Permit Report for Council review. Perry reported at the last Planning and Zoning Meeting discussion took place on VRBO (Vacation Rentals by Owners) where it is not permitted outright. VRBO's are becoming popular in other cities where people rent their homes out to vacationers for a day or more to vacationers. Perry inquired if Council would be interested in changing the Ordinance which would need a Public Hearing to make the changes in the Zoning Ordinance. Councilmember Gardner commented he has used a VRBO and thinks it's great and had no problems. Motels charge taxes for monthly stays and Bed and Breakfast would need a special use. Councilmember's all concurred for Perry to continue discussion with Planning and Zoning.

Public Works - No report. Public Works Supervisor Miller was not in attendance at the meeting. He hurt his finger.

Police - No report. Police Chief Wilson was not in attendance at the meeting. It was noted the entire Police Department was at the Orofino High School fund raising for the Christmas 911. The Chief was Santa's Elf performing a skit in tight little elf skivvies. It was reported that his thighs were thunderous, but gorgeous.

Water/Wastewater - Water/Wastewater Supervisor Martin reported he received the new sewer pump back from the manufacturer that helps pump sewage across the Clearwater River. The pump had a faulty bearing but was still under warranty.

Fire - No report.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Smathers announced it has been a long time in coming, but the City of Orofino has a new full-time Fire Chief. At the last Council Meeting on November 13, 2018 the Council came out of the Executive Session and Mayor Smathers made a recommendation to offer one of the five finalists the position. The hiring process has taken longer than anticipated and the final decision was difficult, especially with three local candidates as finalists. But the final decision was based on the need for the department to have a fresh start with a new face and leadership. Mayor Smathers made an offer to Jonathan Hoyt, a veteran fire fighter/paramedic from Lewiston-Clarkston area. He accepted the position and will begin work as the Orofino Fire Chief on January 2, 2019. He is 40 years old, married and has four children. He owns property on the outskirts of Orofino and is familiar with our community and way of life. He brings with him a lot of good ideas and is public relations oriented.

Jonathan will be attending our December 11<sup>th</sup> council meeting where he will be given the Oath of Office and introduced to the full Governing Body, Department Heads and the Media. Mayor Smathers is requesting that the current Fire Department leadership be in attendance to welcome Jonathon aboard.

Mayor Smathers commented Christmas this year falls on Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> which is also our next Council meeting. He was approached with a request to cancel this council meeting, and close city offices from noon on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> to Thursday morning December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This does not include essential and emergency services which are always provided. Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to cancel December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Council Meeting and city offices to close at noon on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> to Thursday morning December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Councilmember Schrader seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

## COUNCIL COMMENT

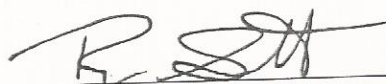
Councilmember Swayne commented he attended the Up-River Leadership Council, a good organization. Swayne watched a documentary regarding the impact on young people and adults since thirty (30) States have legalized Marijuana. There is a website for anyone who would like to view it on [www.drugfreeidaho.com](http://www.drugfreeidaho.com).

## ADJOURNMENT

At 6:30 p.m. Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to adjourn. Councilmember Swayne seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.

ATTEST:

Janet R. Montambo, City Clerk

  
Ryan Smathers, Mayor